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IMMEDIATE

MAY 26. 1974

TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: THE SECRETARY

I. IF THE PRESIDENT IS INDEED PLANNING THE TRIPS WHICH ZIEGLER HAS TALKED ABOUT, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE MOSCOW TRIP BE DELAYED BY THREE DAYS. MOREDVER, IF IT IS TO BE DELAYED, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE DELAY BE ARRANGED WITH THE SOVIETS BEFORE THE MIDDLE EAST TRIP IS SCHEDULED, SINCE, THOUGH WE CAN ASK MANY THINGS OF THE SOVIETS, WE CANNOT ASK THEM TO DELAY THE PRESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION IN ORDER THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN VISIT THE MIDDLE EAST.

PRESIDENT CAN VISIT THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. THEREFORE, I THINK YOU SHOULD EXPLORE A THREE DAY DELAY NOW WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF BEING ABLE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FIRMING THE TRIP UP FOR JUNE 27TH.

3. WARM REGARDS.
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